

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

These remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2009 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. However, the Examiner is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

#### **Claim Rejections**

Claims 1-4 and 11-17 were objected to due to informalities.

Appropriate correction has been made.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

Claims 1-4 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,664,109 to Johnson, *et al.* (hereinafter Johnson) in view of U.S. Published Patent Application 2002/0065668 to Goodwin, *et al.* (hereinafter Goodwin), and in further view of U.S. Patent 5,526,146 to Goodman, *et al.* (hereinafter Goodman). Claims 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application 2002/0022973 to Sun, *et al.* (hereinafter Sun) in view of Goodwin and Goodman. Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun in view of Goodwin and Goodman, and in further view of U.S. Patent 5,897,493 to Brown (hereinafter Brown).

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 11, and 15 to even more clearly define the present invention and facilitate prosecution of the instant application. The claim amendments are fully supported throughout the Specification. No new matter has been introduced by the claim amendments.

#### **Aspects of Applicants' Invention**

It may be helpful to reiterate certain aspects of Applicants' invention prior to addressing the cited references. One embodiment of the invention, as typified by Claim 1, is a method for concealing displayed confidential information.

The method can include providing a system including at least one publically accessible display for displaying confidential information supplied by a user and at least one private display for displaying the confidential information displayed by the publically accessible display. The private display is accessible only to authorized personnel. The at least one publically accessible display and at least one private display are connected through a network.

The method also can include receiving the confidential information supplied by the user from an input device connected to the publically accessible display; displaying the confidential information at the publically accessible display for a predetermined time period; and displaying the confidential information at the private display. The publically accessible display is configured to display the confidential information to only a view from within a predetermined viewing angle and a predetermined distance to the publically accessible display.

The method further can include concealing the confidential information displayed at the publically accessible display upon expiration of the predetermined time period or upon a user request; sending a notification signal to the authorized personnel indicating that the user is present; and storing at least a portion of the confidential information. The concealing step can include at least one of: removing the confidential information from the publically accessible display; covering the confidential information; and presenting the information in a nonsensical format.

See, e.g., Specification, paragraphs [0021]-[0022] and [0038]-[0047].

### **The Claims Define Over The Prior Art**

Johnson discloses a centralized record keeping system that receives record documents from one of a plurality of independent service providers. The system automatically links the record to a person who is the subject of the record by automatically extracting from the record demographic data on the subject and matching it to demographic data on the subject maintained in a database. Unique subject identifiers

are not preassigned by the central record keeping system or used for linking. The records are stored in a repository and a list of linked records is maintained for each person. All records for a particular subject are then available for retrieval by querying the database of demographic data. See col. 2, lines 14-26.

As can be seen from the above, Johnson concerns extracting a pre-defined data item from unstructured medical service records stored in a central data processing system and generated by a plurality of service providers. In contrast, the present invention concerns concealing confidential information displayed at a publically accessible display in a system including at least one publically accessible display for displaying confidential information supplied by a user and at least one private display that displays the confidential information displayed by the publically accessible display and is accessible only to authorized personnel, wherein the at least one publically accessible display and at least one private display are connected through a network.

Goodwin discloses a personal information protection method for a network kiosk which hides the personal information and possibly eventually removes it from a web page. The method includes the steps of determining a field in the web page capable of accepting the personal information, determining entry of the personal information into the field by an operator, timing a time period, and preventing access to the personal information following the time period. See the Abstract.

However, Goodwin also does not disclose a system including at least one publically accessible display for displaying confidential information supplied by a user and at least one private display that displays the confidential information displayed by the publically accessible display and is accessible only to authorized personnel, wherein the at least one publically accessible display and at least one private display are connected through a network.

Goodman does not make up for the deficiencies of Johnson in view of Goodwin.

The above discussions similarly apply to the rejections over Sun in view of Goodwin and Goodman.

Accordingly, the cited references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every element of Claims 1, 11, and 15. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 1, 11, and 15 define over the prior art. Furthermore, as each of the remaining claims depends from Claims 1, 11, or 15 while reciting additional features, Applicants further respectfully submit that the remaining claims likewise define over the prior art.

Applicants thus respectfully request that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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